

Customer Number

**24024**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)
Wang <i>et al.</i>	) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 10/727,261	) Confirmation No.: 5627
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For: Rapid Detection of Microorganisms	) Attorney Docket No.: 22727/04148

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, setting an initial due date of November 11, 2006. This paper is filed with a request for a one-month extension of time.

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